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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A prosthetic foot, comprising:

a lower member having a top and a bottom;

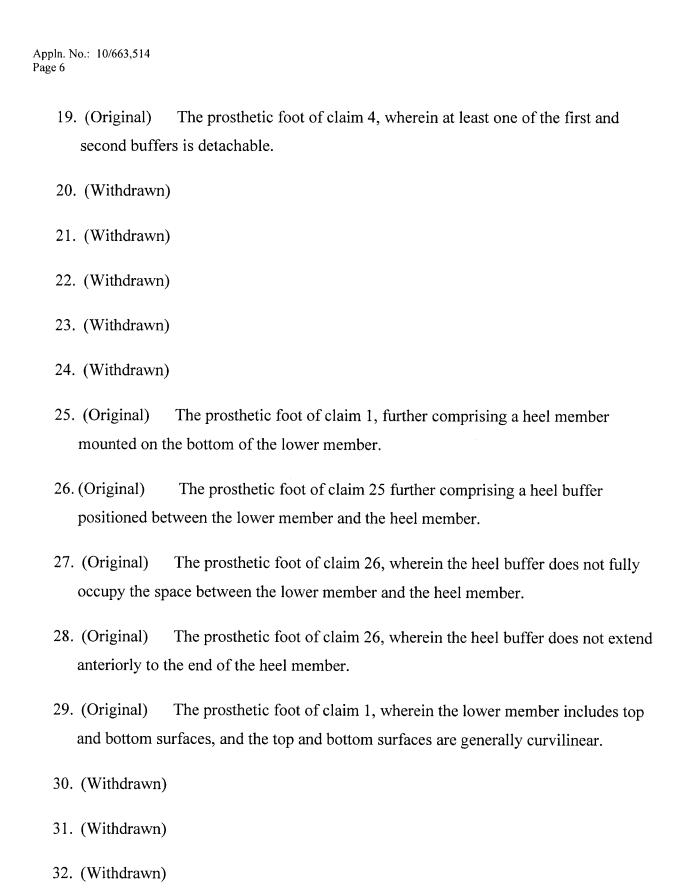
a post extending from the top of the lower member, the post fixedly connected to the lower member; and

[[An]] an upper member having a ball joint positioned therein, the ball joint having an opening for accepting the post therein.

- 2. (Original) The prosthetic foot of claim 1, further comprising a first buffer positioned between the lower member and the upper member.
- 3. (Original) The prosthetic foot of claim 2, further comprising a second buffer positioned between the lower member and the upper member.
- 4. (Original) The prosthetic foot of claim 3 wherein the lower member and upper member have aligned anterior and posterior regions and the first buffer is located between the anterior regions of the lower member and the upper member and the second buffer is located between the posterior regions of the lower member and the upper member.
- 5. (Original) The prosthetic foot of claim 4, wherein the first and second buffers are formed of deformable material.
- 6. (Original) The prosthetic foot of claim 4, wherein at least one of the first and second buffers includes a perforation extending therethrough.

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- 7. (Original) The prosthetic foot of claim 6, wherein the perforation laterally extends through the first buffer.
- 8. (Original) The prosthetic foot of claim 7, wherein the first buffer includes a first slit located at an anterior portion of the first buffer and extending through the anterior portion from an anterior end of the first buffer to the perforation.
- 9. (Original) The prosthetic foot of claim 8, wherein the anterior portion of the first buffer does not connect the upper member with the lower member.
- 10. (Original) The prosthetic foot of claim 6, wherein the perforation longitudinally extends through the first buffer.
- 11. (Original) The prosthetic foot of claim 6, wherein the perforation laterally extends through the second buffer.
- 12. (Withdrawn)
- 13. (Withdrawn)
- 14. (Original) The prosthetic foot of claim 6 further comprising a plug associated with the perforation.
- 15. (Original) The prosthetic foot of claim 14, wherein the plug is of a material having a durometer different than a durometer of the buffer.
- 16. (Withdrawn)
- 17. (Original) The prosthetic foot of claim 4, wherein at least one of the first and second buffers is connected to both of the upper and lower members.
- 18. (Original) The prosthetic foot of claim 4, wherein at least one of the first and second buffers is connected to one of the lower and upper members.



33. (Withdrawn)

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34. (Currently Amended) The prosthetic foot of claim [[1]] 3, further comprising a layer of material coated on a bottom surface of at least one of the first and second buffers wherein the material coated on the bottom surface of the buffer is same as material of the buffer.

35. (Currently Amended) A prosthetic foot, comprising:

a lower member having posterior and anterior regions;

an upper member having posterior and anterior regions;

a ball joint operably connected to the upper member;

a post <u>fixedly</u> connected to the lower member, the post connected to the ball joint;

a first resilient bumper positioned between the posterior region of the lower member and the posterior region of the upper member; and

a second resilient bumper positioned between the anterior region of the lower member and the anterior region of the upper member.

- 36. (Original) The prosthetic foot of claim 35, further comprising a heel member mounted on the bottom of the lower member.
- 37. (Original) The prosthetic foot of claim 36 further comprising a heel buffer positioned between the lower member and the heel member.
- 38. (Original) The prosthetic foot of claim 36, wherein the heel buffer does not fully occupy the space between the lower member and the heel member.
- 39. (Original) The prosthetic foot of claim 37, wherein the heel buffer does not extend anteriorly to the end of the heel member.

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40. (Currently Amended) A prosthetic foot, comprising:

a lower member;

an upper member;

a ball joint operably connected to the upper member;

a post <u>fixedly</u> connected to the lower member, the post connected to the ball joint;

a first resilient bumper positioned between the lower member and the upper member, anteriorly of the ball joint; and

a second resilient bumper positioned between the lower member and the upper member, posteriorly of the ball joint.

- 41. (Original) The prosthetic foot of claim 40, further comprising a heel member mounted on the bottom of the lower member.
- 42. (Original) The prosthetic foot of claim 41 further comprising a heel buffer positioned between the lower member and the heel member.
- 43. (Original) The prosthetic foot of claim 42, wherein the heel buffer does not fully occupy the space between the lower member and the heel member.
- 44. (Original) The prosthetic foot of claim 42, wherein the heel buffer does not extend anteriorly to the end of the heel member.
- 45. (New) The prosthetic foot of claim 40, wherein the foot comprises only one ball joint and post combination.
- 46. (New) The prosthetic foot of claim 35, wherein the foot comprises only one ball joint and post combination.
- 47. (New) The prosthetic foot of claim 1, wherein the foot comprises only one ball joint and post combination.